

JAPANESE EMBROIDERY.

By the Exercise of Some Cleverness Really Startling Effects Can Be Produced.

For anyone with artistic instincts and a fair knowledge of drawing Japanese embroidery is a most fascinating employment. The secret of the wonderful effects produced by this kind of handwork is that the Japanese hesitate at nothing which promises to produce the effect they aim at. If they desire to imitate an evening sunset, in textiles, they attempt it, and the result, although it may be a weird combination that requires an explanation to be understood, is likely at all events to be a rich commingling of tints that is agreeable to the eye. Take for instance the accompanying sketch, which is taken from a state saddlecloth that belonged to the riding outfit of a Japanese noble. The groundwork is of light blue cloth, representing sky; the birds are cut out of thick, soft, white flannel; these are applied with a chainstitch of white embroidery silk which covers the edges. The eyes are put in with black beads, and curved stitches of white silk are used as the markings of feathers, which, sinking deep into the flannel, give a rounded effect to the birds, that are supposed to be fluttering over waves dashing up against rocks. The latter are cut boldly out of black satin and chainstitched on with gold thread, and the former marked out on the lines indicated with a chainstitch in heavy white silk. The whole thing is most simple, but really decorative, and anyone would know at once what was the motif.

A woman who has carried the Japanese idea into American subjects has produced some wonderfully artistic conceptions simply by having no fear in either her use of materials or the difficulty of her subject. One of the panels represents the side of an old South Shore farmhouse, against which



DETAIL OF JAPANESE EMBROIDERY. grow stately hollyhocks, pink and white, and yellow, and crimson. The silver look of the shingles is carried out with light gray silk cut in the shape of the shingles themselves, and each one is finished with irregularly buttonhole stitchings and marked like the streaks seen in old wood. These shingles are then literally shingled on, like those on the side of a house, and against this background the hollyhocks are realistically carried out in embroidery and applied work.

Another successful conception by the same artist—for one must be an artist to obtain such results—is a group of white sailboats in a summer-blue sea in the distance, with a reedy foreground and a group of pink marshmallows as the salient feature. The possibilities for such conceptions are boundless; all that is required is the cleverness to produce them.—N. Y. Tribune.

Recipe for Nail Pomade.

One-half ounce white wax, one-half ounce spermaceti, four ounces almond oil, four ounces rosewater, two or three drops of cochineal, or a small teaspoonful of beetroot juice. Shred the wax and spermaceti, put them in a jar with the almond oil and let melt, then add the rosewater and coloring, and beat till nearly cold; then pour into small pots, and stand aside to cool. This quantity will last some time.

THE POPULAR INSERTION WAIST.

Timely Hints About the New Material Which Comes for Decorating a Summer Dress.

For \$1.50 you can get a yard of insertion. Lace insertion comes this year in all colors. It is about a yard wide, sometimes wider, and is sold by the yard exactly like dress goods. You can buy a yard of it and make a very nice little neck bodice to wear over one of your silk vests.

These little lace bodices can be so made that they can be worn over any waist. The favorite color is black, because it goes so well with everything. But you can



get green, mauve, mouse color, and in fact any other of the new shades. To be very fashionable you can make either sleeve of bright velvet, which can also be adapted to any waist. Then dress the bodice with a few hicks all around the armhole, and may be fastened at the shoulder with a big fancy pin. HELEN GREY-PAGE.

DRESS FOR INVALID.

Description of a Cream Challie Gown. Recently Made for Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

Nothing is quite so comfortable as a challie after all, when you want something for a room dress. A very interesting invalid of New York, no other in fact than Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., had sent home to her the other day a room dress of cream challie. It was to wear on the first day she could sit



MRS. VANDERBILT'S ROOM ROBE.

up with her baby in her arms. The skirt was made apparently without gathers around the waist, it being so nicely godetted that it had no unnecessary fullness. Small japonica pink figures dotted the skirt. The waist was of challie with a little frill around the hips, and a bit of a japonica pink satin. The waist was trimmed with a tucking of plain cream challie.

This little dress, which was extremely comfortable for the room, was made on the surplice pattern, which insures a neat finish to the front of the waist.

Inexpensive Toilet Powder.

To women to whom every added item of expense is a worry, this is written. A dime can secure an amount of powder that a druggist would charge 50 cents for, and it is a satisfaction to know it is pure and harmless, and the skin is not injured by the use of it. Take half a pound of ordinary starch and crush it very fine with a rolling pin; mix in two ounces of fresh powdered orris root; sift well in a flour sifter; then through muslin. This is especially good for the bath powder, even if a more expensive one is used for the face.

How to Cloud a Glass.

To cloud a glass for the sake of protection purposes, as in a bathroom, and yet to preserve the light, a man who works in glass says that it is done with a solution of Epsom salts and vinegar applied with a brush. This should give a frosted look that becomes durable if it is gone over at once with Damar or white varnish.

No Drunkard Can Marry.

In Waldeck, a little German principality, a decree has been proclaimed that a license to marry will not be granted to any individual who has been in the habit of getting drunk. If anyone who has been a drunkard applies for such a license he must produce sufficient proof of reformation to warrant his receiving it.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Great Tension Between England and Russia—British Admiralty Preparations.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—That extreme diplomatic tension exists between St. Petersburg and London is generally admitted, though the officials deprecate the alarmist reports which have been current. It is hoped that the firmer stand adopted by the Marquis of Salisbury during the last few days, which seems to have already created some misgiving at St. Petersburg, will have the desired effect of arresting Russian aggressiveness.

It is felt both here and on the continent that the outcome of the dispute in regard to the New-Chwang railroad extension is the crucial point of the success or failure of Great Britain's policy of the "open door."

As evidence of the fact that Great Britain appreciates the gravity of the situation it is learned that the admiralty is preparing for all emergencies and that it will soon be ready to mobilize the entire fleet at the shortest notice. Every officer and man on furlough or on half pay has been assigned to a ship and instructed to be in readiness to join at the earliest moment possible after being notified to do so.

Therefore practically every ship in the British navy, whether in or out of commission, at the present moment has its full war complement of officers and men ready to take her out to sea when the time arrives.

According to Paris advices, Admiral Bedollier, commanding the French China squadron, has cabled a demand for reinforcements and for a large credit to be applied to erecting fortifications.

The reason given for these demands is that the natives of the Kwang-Chow-Wing region are showing signs of hostility. But there is some suspicion here that the action of the French admiral may be connected with a desire to back up Russian designs.

A Russian Backdown?

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The correspondent of The Daily News at Odessa gives, under reserve, a report that the Russian charge d'affaires at Peking, M. Pavloff, will soon be removed, and he regards it as indicating a Russian backdown.

Russia Possesses New-Chwang.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "Russia is now practically in possession of New-Chwang and the open door in north China is already shut."

COLONEL BROADHEAD DEAD.

Former Minister to Switzerland Dies After a Long Illness.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—Colonel James O. Broadhead, minister to Switzerland under Cleveland, is dead as the result of a disease of which he had been wasting away for some time. He leaves a widow and three children, Mrs. W. M. Horton, Miss Mary B. Broadhead and Charles S. Broadhead.

Colonel Broadhead, who was born in Virginia, came to this state when 16 years of age. Soon after coming of age he engaged in the practice of law.

At the breaking out of the civil war he did much to preserve Missouri to the Union, and in the summer of 1861 he was appointed a provost marshal of this department. In 1875 he became a member of the law firm of Broadhead, Slayback & Haussler. Colonel Broadhead was elected to congress in 1882 at the beginning of President Cleveland's second term and afterward was appointed United States minister to Switzerland. He was one of the leaders of the Democratic party of the country for a number of years, and at the Democratic convention in 1876 he received a good many votes for president, including the 16 votes of Missouri.

Ship Wrecked Near Belle Isle.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Aug. 8.—Captain Major of the mail steamer Virginia Lake, from Labrador, which arrived yesterday, expresses the belief that some ship has certainly been sunk in the straits of Belle Isle. Reports to that effect, he says, are current along the whole northern coast of the island, besides which a quantity of deals, cheese boxes and other wreckage has drifted ashore at Flowers Cove, near the scene of the reported disaster. On Saturday, July 30, a large Alton line steamer with 500 passengers aboard was almost ashore at Battle Harbor, and on Tuesday last two other liners were in great danger off Chateau. The steamer Isam is a total wreck at Point Amour owing to the same cause. Captain Major expects further news regarding the reported disaster when the steamer Leopard from northern Labrador, due on Tuesday, shall arrive.

"Fighting Parson" Preaches in Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 8.—Rev. Dwight H. Galloupe, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city and chaplain of the Ninth United States Infantry, who was injured at Santiago, filled his pulpit yesterday for the first time since he was sent home about a month ago. He looked greatly improved physically, but his usual strong, resonant voice had lost much of its silvery ring and power, and it was evident his lungs were still troubling him. In his movements he showed plainly that the injury to his hip still caused him pain. The church was crowded, and the "fighting chaplain" was given a warm welcome.

Secret Session of Colombian Congress.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 8.—It is understood in local circles that congress is holding a secret session at Bogota, discussing the matter of the settlement of the Cerruti claim. The dissatisfaction over the eventual forced settlement of the claim and the consequent drain upon Colombia's resources is beginning to create much bitter feeling throughout the country. Even the Italian colonies at Barranquilla and other ports are resenting the actions of the Italian government.

Street Car Strike Ended.

SYRACUSE, Aug. 8.—The strike of the employees of the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway company was settled yesterday afternoon. The company has re-evoked the rule requiring old employees to make a deposit of \$25 as security, and has agreed to receive at any time a grievance committee of its employees. The strikers waive recognition of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America.

Beheaded by Train.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Aug. 8.—An unknown woman about 45 years old, weighing 160 pounds, was beheaded last night three miles west of this city by a New York Central excursion train bound from Central Beach to Oswego.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every the kind you have always bought

LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company, of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. March 24, 1898.

Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

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TOMPKINS'

New Dry Goods Store, 35 North St.

ABSOLUTE CLOSING OUT OF ALL SUMMER GOODS.

As the Season Advances, Prices are Marked Still Lower.

THIS WEEK'S STORE NEWS PUTS THE LAST GOOD-BYE PRICE ON MANY DESIRABLE GOODS.

Don't Fail to Be on Hand for Your Share.

Cotton Wash Goods

at prices that will clean out the lot quick.

Jaconets, Lawns and Organdies

worth 10c a yard. Quite an assortment in this lot. We don't want to carry them over into next season so have marked them at this sale at 3c per yard.

Fine Jaconets, Organdies and Dimities

12 1/2 and 15c goods. The entire balance of this season's goods, you will find piled on our counters, and you can take your pick from the lot while they last at 5c per yard.

Dress Gingham

10 and 12 1/2c quality. About two pieces in this lot. They have outlasted their welcome here. While they last buy them at 5c per yard.

This Sale

is one of our mid-summer events that deserves unusual attention. It pays us to offer special inducements in August to keep business booming. It pays you, because each price you will see on again. It pays us to close out all of this season's goods, at less than half what we paid for them, because it enables us to open up another season with new, fresh goods. No mail orders filled from these goods, for before you could get the samples the goods will be sold. Make it a point to be here at this closing out sale and make your own selection.

Closing Out of Wrappers.

We have about 150 Wrappers, in lawns and light ground percales. Price was 11c each. They are marked to clean out the lot for this sale 6c each.

50 Wrappers.

Made in the best possible manner. Prices were \$1.25 to \$1.50 each. All light ground percales. At this sale they are marked 80c each.

Men's Neckties.

Cravat shape, made of light colored silk, regular 25c goods, about ten dozen. Closing out sale price 10c each.

Crash Skirts.

Six dozen in this lot. Regular 25c value. At sale 9c each.

Art Embroideries.

Special price for this sale. Outlined Doyleies 1c each. Larger size 2c each. Large squares 10c each. A beautiful line of cut out Pillow Sham, Bureau Scarfs and Stand Covers at low prices for this sale.

Linen.

A few remarkably good values at lower prices than you have ever known before, even here, where low prices are always the rule.

Large Bath Towels.

Brown or white, 50c each.

Huck Towels.

Fringed, 12x18, 12 1/2c each.

Huck Towels.

20x40 inches, fringed, 10c each.

Remnants of All Linen Toweling

each 3 yards long, 25c each.

Half Bleached Table Cloth.

worth 45c, 25c per yard. Bleached and Half Bleached Table Cloth, worth 50c, 35c per yard.

Bleached Linen Napkins, 21 inch, 90c per dozen. Pillow Cases, 36x44, 30c each. Sheets, 81x90, 25c each.

White Spreads.

Some very special numbers sold much under real value at this sale. Crochet Spreads 10-14 size, 40c each. Crochet Spreads, 11-14 size, each \$1, worth \$1.35.

Soap Sale.

3 gross of Castle Soap, with wash rag included, 3c per cake. Buttermilk Soap 6c. Pear's Soap 12c. Fine Toilet Soap, 3 cakes in a box, 3c a box. Toilet Paper, per pack, 3c; per roll of 1,000 sheets 5c, worth 10c.

Closing Out of Summer Gloves.

Black Taffeta, black lisle, with white stitching and pearl buttons, tan, all silk, all are 25c goods. Your choice of the entire lot 10c per pair.

Parasols at Closing Out Prices.

All Parasols left on hand must go, and to make them go they are marked AT HALF THEIR COST PRICE.

Umbrellas, 25 inch, steel rod, 50c each. Umbrellas, 25 inch, steel rod, 50c each.

Closing Out of Fans.

Here is a lot of about 100 Fans. Retail price was from 25c to the fine gaffer fans that were as high as \$2.50 each. Out prices range from 10c to \$1.25 each. All beautiful. Don't break this season's goods and at less than half price.

Stationery.

Box of Paper and Envelopes 5c each. Box of Paper and Envelopes, each sheet printed Middletown, N. Y. 10c per box. One pound box of Paper and Envelopes, containing 50 sheets of paper and 50 envelopes, 15c per box.

Writing Paper 10c per pound. Envelopes 2c a pack of 25. 5c Envelopes 5c a pack of 25 or 35c a box of 10 packs.

White Aprons.

25 dozen in this lot. Full large size, worth 25c each. Closing sale price 10c each.

J. W. TOMPKINS.

No. 35 North Street, Middletown.

A VERY NERVOUS BRIDEGROOM

The clergyman had a hard time securing him through the ceremony. From the Newburgh Telegram.

At a recent wedding in town in which a resident of the Heights was one of the principals, all went well until the point in the ceremony was reached where the groom takes the bride by the right hand. For some reason he had forgotten which the right hand was, and firmly grasped the bride by the left. He did not understand the minister's signal to change, and, much to the mortification of the couple, the clergyman stopped short in the service and said: "Take the lady by the right hand. Don't you know which is her right hand?" Of course this made the groom nervous. He then began to think he would not be able to get the ring out of his pocket when the proper moment arrived, and he fished in his vest and pulled it out so as to have it ready. But the watchful minister noticed the move, and again stopping the service he requested the groom to put the ring back in his pocket until the proper time arrived to use it. Nothing further occurred until the conclusion of the ceremony, when congratulations began. Then the nervous bridegroom forgot to salute his new bride and commenced with the maid of honor.

VANCE'S DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Here in a Private Car for a Week's Rehearsal at the Casino.

A beautifully painted and decorated car belonging to Elmer E. Vance, the well known theatrical man, arrived in this city Sunday afternoon, bringing sixteen members of the company which will rehearse here for a week. The party is stopping at the Madison House. There will be two rehearsals daily and the company will go to Fort Jervis next week for three performances and will return here for three nights' performances beginning Aug. 22.

The car in which the company travels is called "Beatrice," in honor of Mrs. Vance. The car carries stage scenery, a piano, sleeping quarters for all the members of the company, dining room, kitchen, parlor, business office, bath and toilet room and a library of 1,000 volumes.

Receiver for the Highland Mutual Insurance Co.

Judge Bernard, Saturday, appointed Charles D. Robinson, of Newburgh, receiver of the Highland Mutual Insurance Co., of that city. In making the appointment the judge said he did not pass on the question of the solvency of the company, the law making the Superintendent of the Insurance Department the judge of all questions relating to a company's financial condition.

Twenty Brickmakers Guarded by Sixty Deputy Sheriffs.

Under the protection of a force of sixty deputy sheriffs Washburn & Co. started up their brickyard at Haverstraw, Saturday. Twenty men are at work. The strikers made no trouble.

Flas Unavailable at the First Congregational Church.

The handsome flag which the Ladies' Guild of the First Congregational church presented to the society was unfurled Sunday after the morning services. The choir sang an anthem, and Dr. Robinson made a few patriotic remarks.

Two Carloads of Nuns.

Two carloads of nuns of the Sisterhood of St. Dominick passed through this city Saturday afternoon, on their way to the Forestburgh sanitarium, where they will spend two weeks in recuperating.

MONTGOMERY.

A Straw Ride—Engagement Announced—A Successful Festival—Well Attended Band Concert—Struck by Lightning—Other Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

A large number of our young people attended the band concert at Goshen, on Thursday evening, in a large bar rigging. A load from the Riverview cottage also went. They all report a good time.

The engagement of Willett Van Kleeck and Miss Leona Winfield is announced.

The festival at Coldenham, last Wednesday evening, was fairly well attended and about sixty quarts of ice cream were disposed of. The Montgomery Band rendered some very acceptable music.

The band concert, last Tuesday evening, was very largely attended. There were a large number present from our sister village of Walden.

The ladies of the Dutch Reformed Church, (Brick) across the river, will hold an ice cream festival on the lawn, this Monday, evening. The Montgomery Band will render music.

We noticed one of our young sportsmen driving his fine young horse on the track the other day. He must have met with an accident, as it took him over half an hour to make half a mile.

A large number of farmers had their oats cut down early last week, but the frequent rains made it impossible to do anything with them before Friday or Saturday.

A large number of people from this village attended the races at Poughkeepsie, Wednesday.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crabtree died at their home, Sunday, July 31, of bronchitis, aged one year.

It is reported that the house of Miss McKim was struck during Monday evening's shower but so damage was done.

BLOOMINGBURGH'S REGATTA.

Interesting Contests on the Lake Watched With Pleasure by a Large Crowd—A Busy Day.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

The regatta held on "Carnival Lake," Bloomingburgh, Saturday afternoon, attracted a great deal of interest and was watched with pleasure by a large crowd of summer guests.

The promoters and officials of the contests were: Judges—Larry Bardon, Joe Herchenman and W. H. Laud, all of New York. Referee—Geo. T. Tworger, of Brooklyn.

The successful contestants were Ed. Bodine, of Bloomingburgh, winner of the gentlemen's single's prize, the Schubert trophy; Miss Grace D. Foote, of Brooklyn, winner of the Bardon trophy, in the ladies' single; Miss M. Harton, winner of the girls' race and the Tworger cup; Jerry Follasbee, of Brooklyn, winner of the Herchenman cup in the boys' race and James Mease, of Bloomingburgh, winner of the Beckman and Tootsie cups in the swimming match and tub race; the children's boat race was won by Master George Cook, of New York, who carried off the Tootsie cup.

The event of the day was the bicycle race immediately following the river contests for a handsome silver jardiniere, donated by Stephen Hickson, of New York, and known as the Hickson trophy. The contestants were Miss Isabel Bardon, Miss Mabel Hickson, Miss W. Lockwood, all of New York. The trophy, after a warm contest, was awarded to Miss Bardon.

After the events had been decided the party adjourned to Schubert's Hotel, where in merry-making of various kinds a pleasant day was pleasantly ended.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Little Business Done at Saturday Night's Regular Meeting—Reports of Superintendent and Clerk—A Map of the System Ordered.

At the regular meeting of the Water Board, Saturday night, Supt. Davey reported that 365 feet of 6-inch pipe had been laid in Prince street, 691 feet of 4-inch pipe in Bowan street; four drinking troughs had been set. The depths of the lakes Aug. 2d, were: Monbagen 21.02, Highland 17.03; rainfall for month, 7.65 inches.

Pipe was ordered laid 200 feet more or less on Washington street to take up a dead end, and 4-inch pipe was also ordered laid in Keapp avenue between Chestnut and Olive streets.

Clerk Merrill reported receipts for July as follows: Water rents, \$1,152.00; other sources, \$72.75; balance on hand July 1st, \$5,780.23; total, \$7,006.98. Disbursements for July: Construction, \$691.85; pump house, \$268.68; salaries and expenses, \$214.95; repairs, \$116.69; interest on bonds, \$975; total, \$2,268.55; balance on hand, \$4,740.28; collected for August to date, \$849.80.

City Engineer Harris was authorized to make a detailed map of the city's water mains, taps, gates, etc.

Going a Long Way for a Milk Supply.

The Monroe Dairy Association is very much hampered by an insufficient supply of milk. It has been necessary to establish a milk station out beyond Binghamton, in order to meet the demands of New York customers.

EASILY DECIDED.

When the Proof Comes From People We Know in Middletown.

There is something always associated with the unimpaired opinion of people we know in Middletown that is lacking when the expressed views of a resident of another city are contrasted or compared. If we do not agree with the former they can be hunted up and contradicted or there can be gathered from them "the reasons for the hope that is in them." We can't do this with an outsider, except by a cumbersome roundabout method which has every chance in the world to end in dissatisfaction. In the realm of advertising patent medicines this is very apparent for there are two kinds of evidence appearing side by side in Middletown papers. One from local endorser, the other from far away testators. It ought to be simple to decide which can be depended on the more. Read this case and make a decision.

Mr. W. H. Sutton, No. 60 North St., who has charge of the upholstery department of the O. and W. R. R., says: "My health has always been good with the exception of kidney complaint which caused me more or less trouble for two and a half or three years. Sometimes the pain in my loins was so bad I could not do anything. Every morning when I tried to get up my back was lame or stiff or sore, I do not know what caused it, but I do know that when I caught cold it was always worse. I tried, amongst other things for it, Doan's Kidney Pills, getting them at J. E. Mills drug store. In a very short time all traces of my complaint disappeared and I have not been troubled since. I think Doan's Kidney Pills a wonder."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50; for sale by all druggists; sent by mail on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitutes.

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AT A GHOST PICNIC.

A Form of Summer Entertainment Which Affords More Fun Than Anything Ever Tried.

A fine moonlight evening with the barometer at a satisfactory altitude is one of the essentials for this form of entertainment. On the invitation cards guests should be notified that a white costume of some description is necessary. It may be silk, satin or cotton, according to the fancy or means of the wearer, but pure white, without spot or blemish, it must be.

Since it is not every one, especially among the matrons, and of course all the men, who is in possession of a white costume, some of the shifts to which the guests will resort will be sure to add immeasurably to the merriment of the occasion. So much the better; a "ghost" picnic should be wildly hilarious. The scene of the gathering should not be fixed too far from home, and should be chosen, to some extent, on account of its easy access. Instead of arranging a preliminary meet, as at the ordinary picnic, the guests should find their way to

A REALLY CHARMING AFTERNOON GOWN.

Although Very Effective, Especially in White Lawn and Insertion, It Is Not Very Expensive.

Here is a very pretty afternoon toilette which can be made with very little expenditure of time or money. The material employed in its design are lawn and plain embroidered insertion about three inches wide. The seams in the skirt are joined with the insertion and the waist is made of plain lawn. Around the waist is a girde of old rose satin ribbon, which fastens without bow or other trimming, at the last side.

The attractive feature of the toilette is an Eton jacket which is made of wider insertion. This insertion is purchased for 40 or 75 cents a yard at the most, and runs



upward of 12 inches wide. The front of the jacket is cut wide enough to be turned back to form lapels. In this case the lapels are lined with very fine old rose lawn, but plain white can be used with almost the same effect. The sleeves are tight fitting almost to the shoulders and finished with a little ruffle of fine embroidery. The pattern which combines sleeve and skirt in one piece is quite the vogue and will be seen on gowns for all occasions during the summer season. The collar of the Eton jacket is very high, and the front ends in such a narrow point that it blouses in equal proportions with the front of the waist. If the Eton jacket is not worn the front can be finished with a jabot of embroidery and still the gown will be quite a la mode.

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the place in family groups or singly, as the case may be. It will, of course, depend upon the individual humor of each guest to make his or her appearance on the scene as "ghostly" as may be. Some will ride cannily by hedge and bridge and take the assemblage unawares. Some will work wonders on old machines with white paint, and Japanese lanterns at the handlebar will proclaim their advent to all and sundry.

The chief item of the programme should be the supper and this should be as dainty as possible, and as virginal in hue as the culinary art can be. Aerated waters, white meat sandwiches, cakes, sweets and fruits, the latter in any hue obtainable, should be served by white-robed handmaids, on white ware. The glamour of a moonlight night in a sylvan glade will be likely to suggest its own method of killing time, therefore active forms of entertainment need not be suggested. Dumb charades would probably suggest themselves to the more histrionically disposed, and if enacted in a superstitious neighborhood would probably tend to enrich the local folklore and dissipate the popular belief that the "little people" have ceased to reveal themselves to mortal eyes.—Chicago Daily News.

Cottage Cheese Sandwiches. Cut slices of brown bread about half an inch thick; do not remove the crusts; rub half a pint of cottage cheese to a smooth paste, then press it through a fine sieve; add slowly, beating all the while, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, half a teaspoonful of salt, and two tablespoonfuls of thick cream. Spread each slice of bread thickly with this cream mixture. Put on top a very thin slice of white bread, and on top of this another thin layer of cheese. Cover with a slice of brown bread and trim into shape.—Mrs. S. T. Rorer, in Ladies' Home Journal.

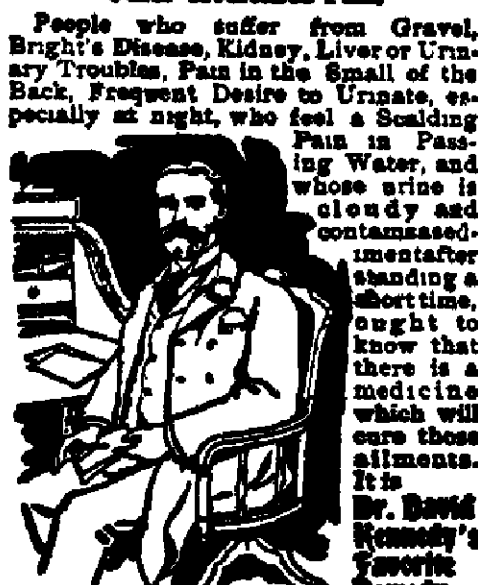
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TESTING A SPY.

By WILLIAM W. JEFFORDS.

I WAS the first sergeant in company D, Seventh Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1863. I was one of the thousands of soldiers under Grant and Sherman fighting our way northward toward Vicksburg. Spies were necessary and I was called upon to do spy service.

Col. Raymond said he wanted 30 young men who had nerve, and who would go into the enemy's lines, ready to die if necessary, without whimpering or divulging of secrets. He also informed me that several Confederate spies had recently been hanged at Corinth and that the enemy would surely retaliate on Federal spies. I agreed to go.

That afternoon each of us was instructed in the particular information he was to get, and the respective part he was to play as a civilian in the enemy's camp.

I was given the task of observing some topographical facts and seeing what artillery Gen. Johnston's army had. I was instructed to be a deaf mute. The surgeon on Gen. Osterman's staff had been the head of a deaf and dumb school at Cleveland, and he spent several hours in drilling me as a dummy.

I was to go over to Jackson with a satchel full of shoes, clothing, shaving soap, paper collars and notions, apparently earning my livelihood by selling my wares to Confederate soldiers. A pencil and slate were my mode of communication.

I started out from the Grand Gulf late on the night of May 6. I knew that I would be suspected of being a spy, and that the least indication that my hearing was at all good would forfeit my life.

I was within the enemy's lines by noon the next day. I hid under a cowshed while the rain drizzled down.

In the afternoon I was going along a road near a hamlet known as Griggsville. I heard a troop of cavalry coming down the road behind me. I put on a blank expression and trudged along with my black satchel over my shoulder.

A lieutenant rode up to me and called:

"Hello, here! where are you going?"

I had had time to prepare myself for this test. I started at the appearance of the horse under my eyes, and looked vacantly up at the cavalryman.

He repeated his question. In a second I had my pocket slate out, and handed it courteously to the officer. The others in the troop laughed and said:

"O, he's a d—n fool dummy."

The lieutenant wrote on my slate: "Who are you and where are you going?"

I wrote that I was Daniel Freeman, and that I was peddling for a living.

Several of the troop remarked that it was foolish to waste time on such a dumb mutton-head as I, for I'd be caught anyhow, and the troop galloped away.

I saw a camp of fully 1,000 Confederates down in a valley. I knew that my presence would be reported at headquarters by the cavalryman, and it would be folly to go past a camp if I were really seeking trade. I was stopped by a sentinel about the camp. I wrote for him my name and business on my slate.

He growled something about lunkhead dummies wandering about in war time, and catching me by the coat sleeve, led me to the officer of the guard. The sentinel explained that I was deaf and dumb, and went away.

The officer had evidently known that the role of dummy was not uncommon with up-to-date spies. "Stand over there a second, till I finish this," said he to me in the most artful off-hand, easy manner.

My knees did more shakily, and I almost stepped a foot. But I caught myself while the cold chills chased up and down my spine at my almost forgetfulness, and I resolved not to risk my neck so easily again. "Your hand is bloody," said he, turning carelessly to me. I stood like a post, looking vacantly at him.

"He's about as dumb as they make 'em," said the officer of the guard, when it was seen how obvious I was to all their tests of my hearing. "Isn't it strange that such a poor creature should be peddling around the lines of warfare? He'll get over the Yank lines and it'll get hard with him some of these days."

The days later I was seven miles farther in the enemy's country. I had met hundreds of Confederate soldiers on the way, but the fact that I had pushed an outlying camp all right was an indication that I was a genuine fool dummy.

I was standing in the floor of a shanty cookhouse in a camp, and without a moment's warning down came about five gallons of cold water over my head and shoulders. I shuddered now when I think how near I came to exposing the Confederate soldiers who stood about to watch me.

Instead of saying a word I gurgled a lot of inharmonious sounds of fright, and looked the more like a thing of no end.

In another camp I was squatting on the ground, mechanically showing my hands and forearms, and playing dead to the thousand and one questions earnestly put to me, when I saw by a soldier's eye that some part of my hearing was to be made.

That moment I heard the click of a pistol being brought to a cock. The weapon was discharged within three inches of my ear.

I never had to hold myself together more than then. I slowly turned my head and looked inquisitively about at the smoke of the discharge.

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I slept in a barn one night, remote from any camp, where I could have at least partial peace from the fear of soldiers watching to entrap me to my death. It is marvelous that I was not stark mad by that time. The next morning as I was getting out of the barn I saw several infantry soldiers out foraging. My actions had roused their suspicion.

I wrote on my slate that I was a Confederate peddler named Freeman, on my way to Jackson to get new goods for selling to the boys in gray.

"O, that won't do," said one of the soldiers. "I'll let he's another Yank spy."

Then I learned from the conversation of my captors that two of the spies sent out from Grand Gulf at the time I was being caught and hanged two days previously.

I was taken to Gen. Kirby Smith's tent. The general was informed that I had been arrested without a pass, and that I was suspected of being a spy in the guise of a deaf and dumb peddler.

Gen. Smith said nothing. Two or three officers in his tent went and whispered to him. I knew they were devising schemes to catch me if I were a spy in disguise.

One of the officers wrote me a message on a bit of paper. While I was writing an answer the man started and ejaculated. "Look out!"

I wondered now that my hand did not start involuntarily. The officers and others were looking at it closely.

For some minutes there was a conversation on my slate concerning why I had no pass in the Confederate lines, whence I came, and where I was going. I could see it was all done to disarm me of any fear I had.

An officer came forward and said: "This poor mule looks tired. It's a shame to keep him here." Then turning to me he smilingly said: "Are you hungry?"

It was a pretty ruse, but I simply stared at his epoules.

Then he tried to make me pale, and it was a faithful test.

I was given a sent while Gen. Smith turned to other business, apparently forgetful of me. The other officers sat near me and smoked and chatted. Presently they began talking about some new orders that had been issued to hang every Federal spy immediately upon conviction.

They talked about how two spies that had been hanged two days previously had acted as they quivered in death, and how the officers were looking for more spies to hang on the same spot. My brain was in a whirl. Everything swam before my eyes, but I sat with my face turned up to the military diagrams and rules of camp on the tent wall before me.

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